

Northern Virginia MR/MI Work Group Meeting
April 7, 2004
Revised

The Northern Virginia MR/MI Work Group met on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at the Northern Virginia Training Center.

Attending:

Mark S. Diorio, Ph.D., M.P.H., Director, NVTC
Cynthia Koshatka, MH Manager, Fairfax CSB/MH NW Center
Jelena Saillard, Community Residences, Inc.
Steve Garcia, MSW, Program Mgr., Loudoun County CSB
Lou Rosato, DSW, LCSW, Director, Community Services & Social Work
Jane Anthony, Parent, Northern Virginia Training Center
Ellen Einstein, Residential Director, Fairfax CSB
Susan Greene, Exec. Director, Community Systems, Inc.
Brian Miller, Director, MR Services, Prince William County CSB
Joanna Wise-Barnes, MR/DD, State Systems Coordinator, Arlington CSB
Saranna Rankin, MH Program Manager, Prince William CSB
Alan Wooten, Director, MR Services, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB

Chairman Mark Diorio convened the meeting at 1:45 PM.

The February 4, 2004 work group minutes were accepted as written.

Jelena distributed material regarding crisis stabilization, reviewing some of the requirements for billing. Crisis as defined in the document cannot be anticipated but must instead have already occurred or the consumer must be in a state of crisis to receive services. Crisis stabilization for DD must have a Medicaid-based waiver and excessive justification must be provided for the \$22/hr fee. There was a lot of discussion concerning crisis stabilization, its critical need, required flexibility in funding, and developing a more preventive approach. The Workgroup will address these issues in the upcoming report.

Mark suggested the work group seriously consider coordination of a Regional Crisis Stabilization Team funded from a regional pot—a triage mobile model based on client need that would go out and provide services to the family. This team might be composed of licensed staff to do assessments. Mark said that he would explore this idea and licensing with Leslie Anderson and Ray Radke the later part of April. Steve stated that a quantity of retrospective data would be required before a team such as this could be composed. Mark asked the Work Group members attending to survey their case managers for the following data:

From July 1, 2002 through March 31, 2004:

- Number of times crisis stabilization was requested
- Number of people associated with requests
- Number of people for whom services were approved

- Number of people for whom services were rejected
- Number of people who needed the services but did not ask for various reasons.

Alan stressed that Work Group members be sensitive to the PACT as it is a self-contained group and a lifetime involvement.

The Work Group reviewed content of the draft brochure that Nancy and Russell prepared. Mark asked that each CSB send to him a contact telephone number to be included in the brochure. Mark and Linda will work on revising the brochure based upon the suggestions made today.

Mark distributed information about the NADD Spring Teleconference Series. He informed the group that NVTC would be hosting these teleconferences and Linda will be sending out registration information via e-mail. Attendance at NVTC is open to all CSBs, private providers, parents, etc...please register through the NVTC Training Department registration line (703.323.4280) so we can plan for number of attendees and handouts.

Mark distributed the Guidance for Regional Partnership Strategic Plans and Recommendations document. Because some regions were not able to fully develop plans for regional initiatives and some initiatives have taken time to implement, a 2nd report of the Regional Partnerships is due to the Department by Monday, August 2, 2004. Mark would like the NoVA Work Group's report to include targeted goals and objectives, and asked for assistance in writing this report that will be due in May. Jim Thur and Lynn DeLacey will review the report and forward on to Joan Durman of Durman Associates, who will put together the final report.

Mark reviewed the Work Group's recommendations for priorities and some suggested changes were made. Joanna agreed to send Mark a copy of Arlington's protocol for page 7, number 2.

Mark asked members to again look at the recommendations in the plan and prioritize recommendations into 1) regional and statewide issues, and 2) non-funded and those in need of new/additional funding. These are due to Mark via e-mail no later than April 23, 2004.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 3, 1:30 to 3:30 PM at NVTC in Building 4.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Diorio, Ph.D., M.P.H.